

## REMARKS

The claims are 1 to 18 with claims 17 and 18 being withdrawn from consideration.

The above amendment ensures that the polyamine component of the present claims "consists essentially of" polyoxyalkylene polyamine. In contrast, Yonehama requires a polyamine which is mainly a diamine, with other polyamines such as polyoxyalkylene polyamine being present at preferably one part by weight or less per one part by weight of diamine, as disclosed in column 3, lines 53 to 65. Thus, in Yonehama, the diamine is the main polyamine component, in contrast to the present claims.

Accordingly, the rejection of the present claims under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Yonehama et al. is untenable and should be withdrawn.


Favorable action is now requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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